



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is a serious hereditary disorders that can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or in lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed. Less than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms first appear before proper diagnosis is made; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder which can be detected by a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, an awareness campaign throughout the state to educate the public as well as our medical community on Alpha-1 and detection and treatment for those affected by this condition is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as,

Alpha-1 Awareness Month

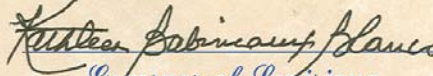
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 12th day of May
A. D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana